



## DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Cydney Neville, Director of Community Services

DATE: August 16, 2013

RE: Monthly Department of Community Services Update

#### Priorities:

- Summer Youth Internship Program
- Fall Festival
- Dumfries Cares

#### **Dumfries Cares**

The *Dumfries Cares* program is currently running Summer Programs for youth in the community. The program operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and has a focus on education, group mentoring, fostering positive behaviors and health.

Summer Enrichment Program: 5 (as of 8/16)

Summer Bridge Program: 2 (as of 8/16)

The Parenting Program is set to begin on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. As of 8/16, there are three adults registered. The Northern Virginia Family Services are assisting with sharing this program with their cases.

#### **Farmer's Market**

The Farmer's Market will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff will have discussions on the continuation of this program and might consider changing the dates and length of the program next year as well as determining a minimum number of vendors needed to actually have the program.

#### **Fall Festival**

The Fall Festival is being advertised in the community. There is a flyer posted, as well as registration information for vendors and "Dumfries Has Talent Participants!" The event will be held on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at Garrison Park. The event will start at 11am, and conclude at 6:30pm. (Vendors will have to shut down by 5pm; food vendors can sell until 6pm) The band

will play from 4:30pm-6:30pm, which will lead into our final “Movie on the Lawn,” for the summer-“Wreck it Ralph.”

A “Volunteer Marketing Team” has been coordinated to assist with new flyer distribution. As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, additional fliers have been distributed to:

234 & Rte. 1 Commuter Lot  
The Brittany Commuter Lot  
K-Mart Commuter Lot

Star of Bethlehem  
Image Church  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Crossroads Church  
Pillar Church  
Grace Church  
Weems-Botts  
Boys and Girls Club  
Potomac Library  
Dumfries Library

## **Movies on the Lawn**

Thanks to a partnership with Pillar Church, we will have the following “Movies on the Lawn” events:

- 9/14 Wreck it Ralph

Movies will begin at sunset, and are FREE and open to the public.

## **Summer Youth Internship Program**

Our Interns, Ms. Asyah Slade and Ms. Janel Talbert, have done a wonderful job assisting and learning while at Town Hall. Their program concluded on August 16<sup>th</sup>, with their Luncheon/Culminating Activity!

These young ladies assisted greatly with administrative work, testing water at Quantico Creek, and assisting with mass mailings for the Festival (area churches, and talent organizations).

## **Grants**

- Dumfries Cares
- Walmart Grant- The Department of Community Services has received \$5,500 in grant funding from the Dumfries Walmart to support our Market and Health Initiative! Funds provided will: cover the Market Manager, help to advertise the weekly nutritional option in the community (to include a banner and tent fold sign), provide funding for the Grand

Opening, nutritious educational materials for youth who attend, provide pedometers for a walking program, and bags to give to the first 100 visitors!

### **ON-GOING ITEMS:**

#### **Senior Luncheon**

In August, seniors were treated to a dinner by the Police Department during the National Night Out event. Our regularly scheduled Senior Luncheons will pick up in September and a reminder will be mailed in early September.

#### **English as a Second Language**

The Town's FREE ESOL classes are offered on Tuesdays from 10am-noon, in the Community Center! Eleven students have been serviced as of August 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Community Partnerships**

- Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William County-ESL classes (<https://sites.google.com/site/litvolpw/>)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension-PWC-Parenting classes, 4-H resource, nutrition resource (<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/prince-william/>)
- Sonia Hoehn-ESL Instructor.
- Pillar Church-Movies on the Lawn, volunteers. (<http://www.pillardumfries.com/>)
- Virginia Credit Union